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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
Room 4 F 31, Headquarters Building
1015 Hours, 29 March 1967

PRESENT:

25X1A9a [REDACTED] Central Intelligence Agency, Chairman
Dr. Milton Kovner, Department of State
John W. Easton, Defense Intelligence Agency
Baxter Wood, Defense Intelligence Agency
25X9A8 Cmdr. James G. Brady, Department of the Navy
NSA Dr. Robert A. Kilmarx, Jr., Department of the Air Force
Dr. James A. Slater, Department of the Interior
25X1A9a [REDACTED], National Security Agency
[REDACTED] Central Intelligence Agency, Executive Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chairman announced that the member from the Department of the Army, Mr. William Andrews, has been reassigned and will no longer represent the Army on the EIC. Col. Young will represent Army for the time being. The Chairman had written a letter to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Army, Major General Yarborough, expressing appreciation for Mr. Andrews' service to the EIC over the past four years.

Proposed External Research Contracts:

ACDA follow-on study on Fiscal Financial Systems of Eastern Europe:

There had been no objection to this project by the responsible subcommittee, the Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis.

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State tentatively sponsored project on Development of a Computer-ized Economic Analysis System for Cuba

This project has been withdrawn by the Department of State.

Later in the meeting, Dr. Kovner, the State Department member, asked whether at a future meeting, it would be possible to clarify EIC prerogatives with regard to external research. The Chairman said that, instead of a meeting on this, he would prepare a paper for Dr. Kovner's own use on this subject.

Status of EIC Report:

EIC-R14-S21, "Aid and Trade Activities of Communist Countries in Less Developed Areas of the Free World"

The Chairman reported that the final page proofs are nearly ready and the report should be out within the next 10 days.

The Chairman announced that there will be a meeting on the scope and content of the next Aid and Trade Annual sometime in the future and well in advance of working on this report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the EIC meeting of 14 February 1967 (EIC-M-119) were approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF "SURVEY OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE, "
(EIC-S-38):

The Chairman reported that concurrences had been received on the report from representatives of the Agency for International Development, the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, Labor, Treasury, the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Federal Reserve System. The Department of the Army member had no comment since Army had reported no people so engaged.

Agencies and Departments involved in this survey were asked to let the Secretariat know within the next week the number of copies they required. It is hoped that the report will be published by the middle of April.

A review of the report was conducted on a page-by-page basis.

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The Chairman expressed his appreciation to everyone who contributed to this survey and stated that it had been accomplished with a tenth of the manpower required to do the 1958 survey. 25X1A9a

The Chairman said that the Executive Secretary, [REDACTED] deserves a vote of thanks for his work on this survey.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chairman suggested that, at a later meeting, the EIC might want to look again at the question of EIC subcommittees and decide which ones we have that we might wish to discontinue, for example, the Subcommittees on Petroleum and Transportation. These subcommittees have been inactive for the past two or three years and it might be well to deactivate them. If, at a later date, the need arose they could be reactivated.

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Executive Secretary

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